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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FREYSSINET et al.

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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION F THE PRETHROMBOTIC STATE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2002

Sir:

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made in the October 31, 2001

Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and comments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel nonelected claims 45-63 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

36. A method for determining a prethrombotic state of an individual for screening for disease and identification of risk factors, comprising:
- obtaining a body fluid sample comprising a member selected from the